

## Andrew Jackson to Charles Webb, September 5, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO CHARLES WEBB.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Of Walterboro, S. C. In the Jackson MSS., dated Sept. 2, 1831, is a long draft of an argumentative reply to Webb in the handwriting of N. P. Trist, but an endorsement on it shows that it was not sent and that the above letter was despatched in its place.

Washington, September 5, 1831.

*Sir*, I have received your letter of the 22nd ultimo, enclosing, agreeably to one of the resolutions of the Meeting, a copy of the "Proceedings of the Citizens of Colleton District at Walterborough, on the 1st August 1831"; stating the construction which they say they are compelled to give to my letter of the 14th June last, to a Committee of my Fellow, Citizens of Charleston; and requesting me to inform them whether they have truly interpreted my language.

I am not satisfied that the language referred to is justly liable to misapprehension: and I do not feel myself authorized to enter into a correspondence for the purpose of explaining or discussing, in reference merely to a supposed emergency, the means which the President may be required to employ in the discharge of his constitutional duty of taking care that the laws be faithfully executed. I am therefore constrained, with all proper respect for my Fellow Citizens who composed the Meeting, to decline the explanations required by their resolution.

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I am Sir, with sentiments of respect,